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Dear Senator Doyle, Senator Kissel, Representative Tong, and Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am submitting this letter in support of HB 5544, which is known as the Misdemeanor Sentencing Reform Act. Reducing the maximum length of misdemeanor from one year to 364 days prevents immigrants to go through detention and deportation proceeding after serving in the state correctional facilities. This reform provides the incarcerated immigrants a second chance opportunity and as result promotes public confidence in Connecticut's Judicial and criminal justice system.

I urge you to please support the Bill HB 5544.

Sincerely,

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